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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO: SECDEF AND CINCPAC/FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: USG FOLLOW-UP TO VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS

REF: A. TOKYO 12846

B. TOKYO 12847

1. IN OCTOBER 1 DISCUSSIONS OF USG/RTG SECURITY INTERESTS WITH RTG MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL KHRUAN AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS ASSURED THAM OF CONTINUED USG SUPPORT FOR THAILAND. EMBASSY HAS BEEN WORKING ON FOLLOW-UP PACKAGE, ARISING FROM SECRETARY CLEMENTS' VISIT, UNDER THREE MAJOR HEADINGS: (1) THAI REQUEST FOR HELP WITH REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS AND NEED FOR SPARE PARTS; (2) INCREASED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DEFENSE PRODUCTION; (3) RESPONSE TO PACKAGE PREPARED BY GEN. KRIANGSAK ON FUTURE THAI MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH RTARF'S NEEDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS AND FOR SPARE PARTS. SEPTELS WILL COVER SELF-SUFFICIENCY QUESTION AND OFFER COMMENTS FOR WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO KRIANGSAK PAPER.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING BY POUCH DETAILED LISTS OF (1) RTARF WEAPONS SYSTEMS NOW CONSIDERED OBSOLETE AND (2) RTARF DEPOT INVENTORY PARTS REQUIREMENTS, MOST CRITICAL OF WHICH ARE (A) SHORTAGES OF VEHICLE AND AIRCRAFT PARTS WHICH ADVERSELY EFFECT MOBILITY OF RTA AND (B) SHORTAGE OF ROTOR SHAFT BOOT FOR UH-1-H HELICOPTER

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(WHICH IS PART OF WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF THIS ITEM). MINIMUM

RECOMMENDED LIST FOR REPLACEMENT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS IS:

OBSOLETE WEAPON	REPLACEMENT WEAPON	QUANTITY (IN \$ MILLION)	TOTAL COST
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HOWITZER, PACK 75MM	HOWITZER, TWD		
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M116	105MM M102	63	4.032
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REMARKS: FOR RTA

ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE. COST

DOWNS NOT INCLUDE

REPAIR PARTS.

SMG 45 CAL M1A1 & M3	RIFLE, 5.56MM		
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REMARKS: FOR RTA	M16A1	4,488	.637
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ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE.

MACHINE GUN, 30 CAL,	MACHINE GUN,	99	.107
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REMARKS: FOR RTA

ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE.

LAUNCHER RKT, 2.36 IN	LAW M72	6,876	.385
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M9A1

REMARKS FOR RTN

ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE.

RIFLE, RECOILESS,	DO	1,398	.078
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75MM, M20 & M20A1

REMARKS: FOR RTA

NOT SUPPORTABLE.

REPLACEMENT QUANTITY

BASED ON 6 TO 1 RATIO

GUN TWD AAA 40 MM	GUN, SP AAA M42A1 76	3.253	
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REMARKS: FOR RTN

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GUN, SP M16	MOUNT, GUN,	76	2.498
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(QUAD 50) TLR M55

REMARKS: FOR RTA W/W 1/2TT

CARRIER FOR M42A1

AIRCRAFT, S2 A/F	AIRCRAFT, S2	10	9.287
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REMARKS: FOR RTN D/E

THE S2 D/E AIRCRAFT

ARE BEING REPLACED
IN US NAVY
INVENTORY BY S3
AIRCRAFT AND
SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AS
EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES

AIRCRAFT, HU-16 AIRCRAFT, C47 2 .280

REMARKS: FOR RTN
HU-16 IS NO LONGER
IN US INVENTORY AND
ONLY LIMITED
COMMERCIAL SUPPORT
IN AVAILABLE.

PATROL CRAFT, 10 130.000

TORPEDO BOATS AND
COSTAL PATROL
BOAT
REMARKS: FOR RTN.
PRESENT BOATS
HAVE LIMITED ENDURANCE,
SPEED, AND MANEUVER-
ABILITY; POOR HULL
INTEGRITY; AND INADEQUATE
COMMO CIRCUITS. THE
ASHVILLE CLASS PG'S MAY BECOME
AVAILABLE AS EXCESS DEFENSE
ARTICLES

AIRCRAFT, T-28 AIRCRAFT OV-10 16 20.000

REMARKS: FOR RTAF
THE T-28 IS NOT
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OBSOLETE BUT
PRESENT AIRCRAFT
WILL BE GROUNDED
WITHIN TWO YEARS
DUE TO WING AND
TAIL FATIGUE UNLESS
REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS
ARE MADE.

A1M 9B'S AND 9E'S SIDEWINDER 350 4.000

REMARKS: FOR RTAF MISSILES
THIS ITEM IS NO
LONGER SUPPORTABLE.

3. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE THAI INTERPRETED DEPUTY SECRETARY

CLEMENTS' ASSURANCES THAT USG COULD DEFINITELY HELP IN REGARD TO OBSOLETE WEAPON AND SPARE PARTS REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURGENCY OPERATIONS TO MEAN THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN ADDITION TO MATERIALS ALREADY PROGRAMMED AS SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND WILL NOT SIMPLY RESULT IN A REORDERING OF FY-75-FY-76 MAP FUNDS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THEREFORE THAT REQUISITE WEAPONS AND PARTS CAN BE SUPPLIED ON SOME BASIS OTHER THAN AS SIMPLE CHARGE TO REGULAR GRANT MAP, SUCH AS FROM EXCESS STOCKS OR OTHER SOURCES. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE A REPLY BY DECEMBER 10 SO WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE TO RESPOND TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

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